OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SHIMOGA.

Notification No. B4-23-27, *dated* 31*st December* 1927.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collection and removal of bamboos in the undermentioned State Forests of the Shimoga and Bhadravati Divisions, for the calendar year 1928, will be sold by public auction at Shimoga by the District Forest Officers of the respective Divisions.

Name of the Division	Name of the Circle or Range	Name of the forest or working circle	Minimum quantities to be purchased		Date of sale	Place of sale	Remarks
			Big bamboos	Small bamboos			
Shimoga	Sakrebyle Range..	Whole Forest ..	25,000	50,000	25th January 1928	District Forest Office Shimoga	The boundaries of the Working Circles will be made known at the time of sale.
	Shankar Range ..	Do ..	....	75,000			
		Settihalli, F S ..	5,000	....			
		Maleshankar, F S ..	5,000	....			
		Purdhal, F S ..	....	50,000			
	Ayanur Range ..	Kum i Forest—					
		Tiraganamadu, F S ..	....	8,000			
		Doddi, F S ..	....	8,000			
	Hanagere Range..	Hanagere, E F S ..	10,000	....			
		Kum Whole Forest ..	....	10,000			
Bhadravati	Narasimharajapura Circle.	Muduguni	....	5,000	25th January 1928	District Forest Office, Shimoga	The boundaries of the Working Circles will be made known at the time of sale.
		Kusgal	....	5,000			
		Megarmakki.. ..	....	5,000			
		Umblebyle	....	6,000			
		Chornedehalli ..	....	6,000			
		Kakanahosudi ..	4,000	....			
		Aldhara	....	20,000			
		Malandurgudda ..	.. ..	10,000			
		Arambaliy ..	....	15,000			

1. The sale will commence at 2 P.M. and if it is not concluded on the same day, will be continued on the next following day.

2. Defaulters on account of previous lease will not be permitted to bid.

3. Intending bidders must be in possession of a certificate from the Amildar of the taluk in which they reside, vouching for their solvency.

4. No person will be allowed to bid unless he has deposited with the Officer conducting the sale, a sum of Rs. 20 for each Forest or Rs. 100 for each division which must be in the form of currency notes. The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately after the sale.

5. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Conservator of Forests or the District Forest Officer as the case may be who reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

6. The successful bidder shall, at the close of the sale, pay up one-fourth sale amount together with cesses on the entire sale amount inclusive of the initial deposit immediately the sale is concluded. If he fails to do so, the produce will be resold at his risk, in which case he shall not participate in any profit arising therefrom, but on the other hand, he shall be liable for any loss that may thereby be caused to Government, which will be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

7. The successful purchaser or lessee shall pay the balance of the lease amount within fifteen days from the date of intimation of the confirmation of sale, failing which, the whole amount paid already will be forfeited to Government and the right resold subject to the conditions stipulated in para 6 *supra*. In case, extension of time for payment of the sale amount is granted, such payment shall be made together with interest at 9 per cent per annum on the sale amount from the date of sale.

8. The lessee shall execute an agreement duly furnishing a security deposit equal to one-fourth of the sale amount, binding himself to observe the following conditions, and it shall be executed within a week from the date on which the confirmation of sale is intimated to him; in default of which the money paid by him will be forfeited to Government and the right disposed of by resale at his risk as defined in paras 6 and 7 *supra*. The lessee shall not be allowed to enter the forest and cut bamboos until he has executed the agreement and further paid the full sale amount.

Other conditions to be entered in the agreement.

(*a*) The bamboos shall be collected or stored outside the block at such place or places as may be fixed by the Range Officer concerned and allowed to be removed on check by him and after a "permit to remove" is issued. Removal without such permits will be an offence to be dealt with according to law.

(*b*) The lessee shall not cut bamboos outside the limits of the block to which the lease refers.

(*c*) The lessee will be personally held responsible for the acts of his agents or servants, or coolies in the business of collection and removal of bamboos and for preventing any cutting clumps under two years, by himself, his agents, servants or coolies.

(*d*) The lessee shall not sell the right purchased to other persons or person or appoint any agent or agents to work for him, without obtaining the previous permission in writing of the District Forest Officer.

(*e*) The lessee shall collect and remove the full quantity purchased from the limits of the forest before the end of December 1928. No permission will be granted for cutting and collecting of bamboos after the 31st December 1928.

(*f*) The lessee shall accept the minimum quantity fixed in the notification as available in the block or area concerned and shall have no claim on the Department for any deficit that may be found. If he removes any quantity above the minimum fixed within the lease period, he will pay for the excess quantity at auction sale rates.

(*g*) The lessee shall abide by such orders as the District Forest Officer may issue regulating the transport of bamboos and collection at their rafting stations.

(*h*) The lessee will be held responsible for the occurrence of any fire within the forest, if there is sufficient ground for the Forest Department to suspect that it was caused by his negligence or by that of his employees.

(*i*) Neither the lessee nor his employees shall enter the forest either before sunrise or after sunset.

(*j*) The lessee shall keep account for the quantity collected and shall subject the same for inspection of the Forest, Revenue or Police Officer, not below the rank of Range Officer.

(*k*) The sale does not prohibit retail sales at seigniorage rates or the exercise of the rights of the villagers.

(*l*) No bamboos shall be collected between 15th February and 30th April in the State Forests.

In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the lease will be liable to be cancelled and the lessee fined to the extent of Rs. 100 which will be recovered as an arrear of Revenue Demand.

N.B.—Whenever bamboos are rafted down the Thunga and Thungabhadra Rivers, the rafts should stop near the Shimoga Saw Mill and Honnali Bridge, respectively and will be allowed to proceed after check by an officer to be deputed by the District Forest Officer, Shimoga for the purpose.

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